

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the Application.

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A method of describing user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content, the method comprising:

providing user preference information in a user profile, the user preference information describing browsing preference information that specifies a plurality of browsing preferences, a first genre to which the plurality of browsing preferences apply, and a respective preference value for each browsing preference in the plurality of browsing preferences, wherein the respective preference value indicates relative priority for using the corresponding browsing preference for browsing multimedia content of the first genre.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the plurality of browsing preferences is described in a hierarchical structure.

15. (Previously presented) A method of describing user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content, the method comprising:

providing browsing preferences describing a plurality of summary preferences that apply to a first genre of multimedia content, wherein the browsing preferences assign a respective preference value to each summary preference in the plurality of summary preferences, the respective preference value indicating relative priority for selecting the corresponding summary preference for browsing multimedia content of the first genre.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of summary preferences is described in a hierarchical structure.

17. (Previously presented) A system for processing user preferences pertaining to navigation of and access to multimedia content, the system comprising:

a data storage device for storing a data structure specifying a plurality of summary preferences that apply to browsing a first genre of multimedia content, wherein the data structure assigns a respective preference value to each summary preference of the plurality of summary preferences, the respective preference value indicating relative priority for selecting the corresponding summary preference for browsing multimedia content of the first genre; and

a data processing apparatus configured to process the data structure.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the data structure specifying the plurality of summary preferences is structured hierarchically.